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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary Department of State

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MR. DENNIS WHITFIELD Executive Assistant US Trade Representative

SUBJECT:

Pipelayers

The President has approved the recommendation to eliminate the licensing requirement for the export of Caterpillar pipelayers to the Soviet Union. He has directed announcement of the decision on Saturday, August 20, with the following points to be made:

- Pipelayers do not involve high technology and are available from a number of other countries;
- We are still opposed to licensing other oil and gas equipment that does involve high technology.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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